WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Work place hazard for women

*66. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether work-place hazard is high for women industrial workers, particularly those associated with Call Centres and BPOs;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to safeguard the interest of female workers in such organizations particularly working in night shifts?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) the BPO sector and the Call Centres fall under the State Sphere. State Governments have provided exemption under their respective shop and Establishments Act to establishments in the Information Technology and Information Technology enabled Services, to enable them to engage female workers at night, subject to certain conditions meant to safeguard the safety and interest of female workers.

Whenever there is any violation of labour laws, appropriate action is taken by the State Government concerned in accordance with these laws.

Central outlay in PMGSY

*67. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central outlay in the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) allocated to different States in the country during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) what is the amount of money released unspent, State-wise and

(c) the targets achieved so far particularly in respect of the States of Maharashtra and Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is not an allocation based programme. However, normative annual allocations are intimated to State to enable them to formulate proposals of